

I shall have a whole day before me. I can do it all in a day." His mother said nothing.

When next Saturday came, several things had happened. All the chickens had been hatched; every egg had a dear live chicken inside.

There was no coop to put the anxious mother in. She tried to run after her chickens as they ran this way and that over the stable floor. One ran into the horse's stall; the hen ran after it. The horse raised his great hoof; the hen was nervous, she did not get out of the way quick enough; down came the hoof on her head. All the twelve little chickens were left motherless, for the hen fell dead.

As Herbert stood looking at the poor hen, his eyes filled with tears. His face grew very red. "Oh dear," he said to himself, "If I had only made that coop, this wouldn't have happened!"

I hope the lesson did him good.—*Our Morning Guide.*

LINCOLN AS DOORKEEPER

Mr. James Elter, one of the oldest doorkeepers in the War Department at Washington, is reported by the *Syracuse Standard* as telling the following story about President Lincoln:

One day a tall, lank gentleman came to the entrance and asked me if the secretary was in, and I told him no, that he was too early for him. He then asked at what hour he would be likely to find him, and I told him. With a pleasant, "Thank you," something we don't always get, he walked away.

At the hour I told him that the secretary would be in he again walked up the steps, and asked me if I would not go to the secretary's room, and tell him that he wished to see him. I told him that I could not leave my post.

"Oh, that is all right. I am Mr. Lincoln and I will keep door while you deliver my message. Tell him that I want to see him in the lower hall."

With this the President unpinned my badge, stuck it in his own coat and took my chair. I hastened to the secretary's room, and soon the two were together near me, but in quiet and earnest talk. I never knew why Mr. Lincoln did not want to go to the secretary's room, but I know that I prize this chair. I call it Abe Lincoln. No doubt that was the only time a President ever acted as doorkeeper.—*Youth's Companion.*

Boys, when you go to church take a seat with your parents and sisters. A back seat may be as comfortable as any, but whisperers, gigglers, light headed girls and soft-brained boys always seek that quarter. Don't be afraid of the front seats. Besides, it is so much more homelike to see all the family seated together. Our religion is a family religion, and for all the members of the family alike.—*Ex.*

The Little People

JUNIOR LESSON FOR JUNE 12

Christian Courage.—Mark. 10:32-34; Acts 21:10-14

Dear Boys and Girls: To day you are to learn about Christian courage. What does this mean? The lesson you are to learn is that you should not be afraid to do right. You know some people are afraid to do what they know to be right, and they will do what they know to be wrong because they are afraid to do the right. Are you one of them?

We think it takes great courage to go to war and fight on the battle field, and so it does. That is what we call physical courage, but it is not as great as that which we call moral courage, that is courage to do right, when it is dangerous to do so. Suppose a boy would say to you, "I will fight you," and then stick his fist under your nose. Perhaps those who were looking on would say that you should not be a coward, but step up and fight the boy who challenged you. But would that be cowardly to walk away and let the boy to himself? It certainly would not. True courage would be to say to the boy, "No, I will not fight, it is not right, and my mother always taught me not to do such things." Would not that boy be the real hero? Yes, certainly, for it required more courage to resist the temptation than it would have to fight. And so in other things. Always remember that the noblest hero is the boy who is afraid to do wrong. The Bible gives many examples of true courage. Note a few of them.

1. There was Daniel in the Old Testament. Learn about his courage. How he refused to eat the king's meat, and how he refused to worship the king's gods. He was thrown into the lion's den because he prayed to his God, but he went right on praying. All the boys and girls should learn about this brave, good boy, Daniel.

2. Another example of true courage or boldness was John the Baptist. He was not afraid to tell people about their sins even if he was imprisoned for doing it, and at last beheaded.

3. In the Acts of the Apostles we read about Peter and John who were bold to preach in the name of Jesus, when the officers threatened to put them in prison. When the people saw the boldness of these two men, they said, "They have been with Jesus and learned of him." Even now when a boy shows that he is not afraid to do the right, people know that he has been one with greater and learned from him.

4. Then we must not forget Paul as an example of true greatness and boldness. He was not afraid to tell the king and the Roman governor that they were sinners and ought to repent. There are many acts in his life to show of his courage. Have some one tell you about them.

5. Then lastly, and greatest of all, is the Lord Jesus. He is our example of true courage. All these other men learned their cour-

age from Jesus. They were bold to do right because they had been with Jesus and learned of him.

Just now you hear a great deal about Dewey and other great men who have been bold to fight our enemy. And they are men of great courage and we honor them. Perhaps you would like to be like them. Well, you too, have a great enemy to fight, the enemy of your soul, the devil. He is a greater enemy to you than Spain is to our country, for he will destroy your body and soul. If you have courage enough to refuse to smoke cigarettes or cigars, or to chew tobacco, or to drink beer or whisky, or go to places where wicked things are going on, if you are bold enough to refuse to swear, or to disobey your mother, or in fact do anything that is wrong, if you have courage enough to do all these things then you are a real hero. Let us repeat, the boy who dares to do right and who is afraid to do wrong, is the world's greatest hero. Are you a hero? Go to Jesus and learn of him.

KIND ACTS

Never are kind acts done
To wipe the weeping eyes,
But like the flashes of the sun
They signal to the skies;
And up above the angels read
How we have helped the sorer need.

Never a day is given
But it tunes the after years,
And it carries up to heaven
Its sunshine or its tears;
While the tomorrows stand and wait,
The silent mutes by the outer gate.

—*British Weekly.*

The Christian Life

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

THE PROPHETS—NAHUM—NO. 2

III. Sins which Caused Ninevah's Downfall.

a. Drunkenness, ch. 1:10. (1) "Nineveh was surprised while the king and his captains were revelling."—*Farrar.*

b. Imagining evil against God, ch. 1:11. (1) This verse, 11, refers to Sennacherib, Is. 36:1-30.

c. Vileness, ch. 1:14.

d. Inhuman savagery and robbery, ch. 2:12; 3:1. (1) Farrar says, "No power more useless, more savage, more terrible ever cast its shadow on the page of history as it passed on the way to ruin. The kings of Assyria tormented the miserable world. They exult to record how 'space failed for corpses'; how unsparing a destroyer is their goddess Ishtar; how they flung away the bodies of soldiers as so much clay; how they made pyramids of human heads, etc."

e. Lying, ch. 3:1. (1) Lying is as heinous a sin as murder. With God they are all the same.

f. Whoredom and witchcraft, both literal and spiritual, ch. 3:4.

g. Effeminacy, ch. 3:13; I Cor. 6:9. (1) "These all are the sins which sap the life of nation's whether civilized or heathen. (2)